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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: David A. Nicholas et al

Examiner: H. Trinh

Group Art Unit: 2814

Serial No: 09/417,535

Filed: 10/14/99

For: ARTICULATING ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL APPARATUS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Asst. Commissioner For Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), an extension of time of

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| one month | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 110.00 | Small Entity | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 55.00 |
| two month | <input type="checkbox"/> | 400.00 | | <input type="checkbox"/> | 200.00 |
| three months | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 920.00 | | <input type="checkbox"/> | 460.00 |
| four months | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1,440.00 | | <input type="checkbox"/> | 755.00 |

is hereby requested to

- ☐ respond to the Office Action mailed _____;
 - ☐ file a Notice of Appeal;
 - ☐ file an Appeal Brief _____;
 - ☐ respond to Notice for Filing Missing Parts _____;
 - ☒ other (specify) File a continuation application concurrently herewith;
- ☐ An extension of time for _____ () month was previously secured for filing the above identified communication, and the fee paid thereof of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. The fee for this extension is \$ _____ minus the fee previous paid of \$ _____ equals \$ _____, the total fee due.
- ☒ Please charge the requisite fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17, of \$920.00 to Deposit Account No. 21-0550.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 21-0550. **TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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